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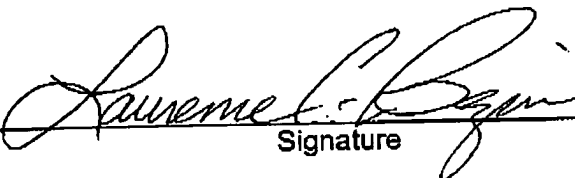
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In response to the Office Action dated June 2, 2004, Applicant notes with appreciation the allowability of claims 1, 3-14, and claims 17-22. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.113(c), please amend the above-entitled application to correct objections to form of otherwise allowable claims.